

Friday, December 13, 2013

Holiday Shopping Safety

The Chevy Chase Village Police Department wants you to experience a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Please take a moment to review the following safety tips that may help you avoid becoming a victim of crime when you are doing you holiday shopping:

- Always park in well-lit areas, lock your car and take your keys.
- If you plan to make additional stops after shopping, put your purchases in the trunk or otherwise hide them; never leave packages or valuables in sight within your vehicle.
- If you place packages in your car and plan to go back to do more shopping, drive to another part of the parking lot/garage first, then go back in. Some thieves sit in the parking area and watch as shoppers put new purchases in their car; they wait for shoppers to go back in the store so that they can steal those new purchases.
- Whenever possible, walk in groups. If you are shopping alone, consider requesting an escort from the security staff; they will gladly walk you to your car.
- Walk confidently (a potential mugger or thief will target people who seem apprehensive).
- Get organized before you walk to your car. Have your car keys in your hand as you approach your car, and be aware of your surroundings.
- If you notice something that does not seem right, then it probably is not. Request assistance from security personnel or the police.

Unlocked Car Entered *Two Pair of Sunglasses Taken*

Quincy Street: Between Monday, December 9 and Wednesday, December 11, an unlocked car parked in the driveway was entered. Two pair of expensive sunglasses were taken.